

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A ground connector ~~(JG)~~ in which a ground terminal ~~(50)~~ to be connected with a mating terminal is mounted in a housing ~~(30)~~ so that a grounding portion ~~(52)~~ projects outside the housing, the grounding portion ~~(52)~~ being fixable to a metal grounding member ~~(80) panel~~ by a fastening screw ~~(87)~~, the grounding panel having a non-round engaging hole formed therein and a fixing hole spaced from the non-round engaging hole.

wherein the housing ~~(30)~~ comprises a positioning portion ~~(70)~~ engageable with an non-round engaging portion ~~(85) hole~~ on the metal grounding member ~~(80) panel~~, the positing portion being configured relative to the non-round engaging hole to resist rotation and translation of the housing relative to the panel and to position the housing ~~(30)~~ at a position so that the grounding portion ~~(52)~~ is substantially aligned with a specified fixing position ~~(82) hole~~ of the metal grounding member ~~(80) panel~~.

2. (currently amended) The ground connector of claim 1, wherein engaged parts of the positioning portion ~~(70)~~ and the non-round engaging portion ~~(85)~~ having have cross sections for substantially aligning the grounding portion ~~(52)~~ with the fixing position ~~(82)~~.

3. (currently amended) The ground connector of claim 1, wherein engaged parts of the positioning portion ~~(70)~~ and the non-round engaging portion ~~(85)~~ have hole are substantially rectangular and have a sufficient rigidity to prevent the housing ~~(30)~~ from turning as the grounding portion ~~(52)~~ is fastened by the screw ~~(87)~~.

4. (canceled).

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A ground connector of claim 7, in which a ground terminal to be connected with a mating terminal is mounted in a housing so that a grounding portion projects outside the housing, the grounding portion be fixable to a metal grounding panel by a fastening screw,

wherein the housing comprises a positioning portion engageable with an engaging portion on the metal grounding panel to position the housing at a position so that the grounding portion is substantially aligned with a specified fixing position of the metal grounding panel, the positioning portion comprising a clip with a base plate having a width for closely fitting between sides of the engaging portion and a head on a projecting end of the base plate for guiding the base plate during insertion, resilient locking pieces being formed behind the head as seen in a mating direction of the clip into the engaging portion, the resilient locking pieces diverging from one another at positions closer to the housing, and pressing pieces between the housing and the metal grounding panel when the housing is mounted properly on the metal grounding panel wherein the pressing pieces (75) have an arcuate convex shape substantially facing the housing (30).

10. (currently amended) A ground connector ~~(JG)~~ for mounting to a ground ~~(80)~~ panel having a substantially round ~~threaded~~ fixing position ~~(82)~~ and a non-round engaging hole ~~(85)~~ spaced from the fixing position ~~(82)~~, comprising:

a housing ~~(30)~~;

a ground terminal (50) mounted in the housing (30) along an inserting direction, the ground terminal (50) having a grounding portion (52) projecting outside the housing (30) and configured for engagement with the fixing position (82) of the ground (80) panel; and

a non-round positioning portion (70) on the housing (30) spaced from the grounding portion (52), the positioning portion (70) being disposed and configured for mating with the engaging hole (85) on the ground (80) panel and aligning the housing (30) so that the grounding portion (52) aligns with the fixing position (82) of the ground (80) panel, the positioning portion comprising a base projecting from the housing transverse to the inserting direction of the ground terminal, the base having a non-round cross section for closely engaging two opposed surfaces of the engaging hole, resilient locking pieces projecting from the base and configured for resiliently engaging third and fourth opposed surfaces of the engaging hole and for engaging a first side of the ground panel, and pressing pieces projecting from the base between the housing and the resilient locking pieces, the pressing pieces being configured such that the ground panel is held securely between the resilient locking pieces and the pressing pieces.

11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended) The ground connector of claim 10, wherein the clip (70) comprises a base (71) projecting from the housing (30) and having a non-round cross section for tightly fitting in the engaging hole (85) and a rounded head (72) on a projecting end of the base (71) for guiding the base (71) into engagement with the engagement portion (85).

13. (currently amended) The ground connector of claim 12, wherein the clip ~~(70)~~ comprises resilient locking pieces ~~(73)~~ projecting from the base ~~(71)~~ between the head ~~(72)~~ and the housing ~~(30)~~ and ~~diverging~~ diverge towards the housing ~~(30)~~.

14. (currently amended) The ground connector of claim ~~13~~ 10, wherein the clip ~~(70)~~ comprises pressing pieces ~~(75)~~ projecting from the base ~~(71)~~ between the housing ~~(30)~~ and the resilient locking pieces ~~(73)~~; the pressing pieces ~~(75)~~ are configured for curving away from the housing ~~(30)~~ and being resiliently deflectable towards the housing ~~(30)~~ when the housing ~~(30)~~ is mounted properly on the ground ~~(80)~~ panel.

15. (currently amended) The ground connector of claim 14, wherein the pressing pieces ~~(75)~~ project further from the base ~~(71)~~ than the resilient locking pieces ~~(73)~~.

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled).